

Minutes of April 23, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of April 9th were accepted as amended.

The meeting minutes of April 17th were accepted as amended.

The Chair advised that there was a meeting Friday, April 20th to discuss the upcoming Memorial Day parade. David Hastings moderated the meeting and suggested that someone be in charge of the parade. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint David Hastings as the Memorial Day coordinator.

It was noted that the school sub-committee presented its findings to the School Committee with a few minor changes and it would like the task force committee to be up and running by May 17th and to complete their tasks by December 1st. Any interested person needs to send a letter of interest to the Board which in turn will forward its recommendations to the School Committee or they may send their letters of interest directly to the School Committee.

The Chair advised that she has received a letter from Massachusetts DOR regarding storm funds from 2005 & 2008. The Board in the past has been told by Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, that any funds that the Town receives for storm damages should go back into each line item account. Peter Scala, Fire Chief, advised that FEMA wants the money spent on what the Town applied for, not other things and if the Town does not do that then the Town has to give back the money to FEMA/MEMA.

Peter Scala also mentioned that he is disappointed in the Board since the Board did not put the article on the Annual Town Warrant transferring money from Winter Roads to Roads & Bridges. Mr. Scala stated that he believes the Board had voted to put the transfer on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting when he appeared before the Board on April 2nd. It was noted that the Board didn't make any decisions and stated that they would bring the matter up at a future meeting since one member, Lawrence Davis, was not present. A motion was made that the Town transfer from Winter Roads Highway Department any excess funds to Roads & Bridges account to be used for the Highway Department. The motion was withdrawn. It was noted that any article had to be specific line item. It was also questioned as to where are the spread sheets for storm Irene? The Chair advised that she doesn't presently have them, but \$288,000.00 has come in so far. It was noted that \$283,000.00 has already been spent and there is around \$4,000.00 as of today that is still available. The Town still has to pay 25% of work from the storm and work still needs to be

completed by June 30th. It was noted that the reports from MEMA have only PW numbers on them. It will have to be researched and roads are to be assigned for each individual award.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to recess at 7:00 PM for the informational budget meeting and will reconvene after the informational meeting.

The Board reconvened at 7:40 PM.

The Board announced that it will hold a Special Town Meeting and will put an article on regarding transferring of funds from Winter Roads to Roads & Bridges.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant